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Cancellation of Project 47.1092A
Soviet Foreign Trade in Cement 1950-57

1. It is suggested that this project be dropped because of
its present inadequacies and the appearance of new and reliable
collateral data.

2. When this paper was written orginally, over a year and a
half ago, it was designed solely to fill a gap in the project
The Cement Industry of the USSR 1950-60, which is now being printed.
At that time there was an almost complete lack of data on Soviet
imports from Communist China and the European Satellites and relative-
ly little data on Soviet exports. The present paper was conceived as
a supplement and contained the following Foreword: "This report sur-
veys the available information _____ on Soviet   25X1D1a
foreign trade since 1950. Because no collateral information is in-
cluded, this report should be used in conjunction with Section X,
CIA/RR   The Cement Industry in the USSR, 1950-60." Unfortunately
this Foreword was dropped when the paper was updated to 1 May 1958.

3. The main paper, which contains most of the analysis and con-
clusions, was also dated 1 May 1958, but contains more information
on the Soviet trade picture, than was available when the paper was
first written, and contains conclusions which are still valid at the
present time.

4. In addition, since 1 May 1958 the USSR has released complete
trade data for the years 1955-57, in two statistical compilations on
foreign trade which this analyst considers reliable for cement trade
figures. Therefore it is believed that a justification for the pub-
lication of the present project no longer exists.

5. However, if it is felt that a project on this subject is
still of sufficient value to warrant publication, it will be necessary
_____ for the collateral data which is now more   25X1D1a
complete. An allowance of between 50 and 100 hours of the analyst's   25X1D1a
time will probably be sufficient to recast this project.

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